

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the specification as indicated below:

Please amend paragraph 0023 as follows:

[0023] With continued reference to FIG. 1, the seat cushion 12 comprises a forward portion 29, a rearward portion 31, a top portion 33 and a bottom portion 35. The seatback 14 comprises an upper portion 37 and a lower portion 39. A first lever 18 controls release of the seat cushion 12, while a second lever 20 controls release of the seatback 14. A forward support leg 22 extends from a forward portion of the seat cushion 12 to a support contacting portion 30 of a floor 32 of the vehicle. The support contacting portion 30 may optionally include a detent, or "catch" 34. The catch 34 is preferably shaped so as to not present an obstruction to passengers or cargo placed onto the floor 32. For example, the catch 34 may be flush with the floor 32, openly recessed below the floor, or recessed with a biased shield or cover which is movable by engagement of the forward support leg 22 to the catch. At least one anchor member 28 is used to pivotably anchor the rearward portion 31 of the seat cushion 12 to a structural portion of the vehicle, such as the floor 32 or a sidewall. The anchor member 28 includes a seat cushion latch (~~not shown~~) 13 linked to the first lever 18 to releasably retain the seat cushion 12 when the seat cushion is to be pivoted. The seat cushion latch may be used to releasably retain the seat cushion 12 in a first, generally horizontal position and in a second, generally vertical position. Likewise, anchor member 28 may include a seatback anchor portion to pivotably anchor the lower portion 39 of the seatback 14 to a structural portion of the vehicle. The anchor member 28 further includes a seatback latch (~~not shown~~) 15 linked to the second lever 20 to releasably retain the seatback 14 when the seatback is to be pivoted. The seatback latch may be used to releasably retain the seatback 14 in a first, generally vertical position and in a second, generally horizontal position. Details of the seat cushion and seatback latching mechanisms are left to the artisan, as any conventional type of latch suitable for use with vehicle seats may be used. The seat 10 may be used for passenger seating when configured as shown in FIG. 1, the seat cushion 12 being generally horizontally oriented and the seatback 14 being generally vertically oriented. In addition, the space between the bottom portion 35 of the seat cushion 12 and the floor 32 may be used for underseat storage, if desired.

Please amend paragraph 0028 as follows:

[0028] The headrest 16 is attached to the upper portion 37 of seatback 14. When the seatback 14 is released, the headrest 16 may also be released and pivoted downwardly to a stowed position ~~(as indicated by arrow "F")~~ as indicated by arrow "F" in Fig. 5, by actuating a third lever 24 to release a headrest latch ~~(not shown)~~ 17. The headrest latch may be used to releaseably retain the headrest 16 in a first extended position generally aligned with the seatback 14, and in a second stowed position generally perpendicular to the seatback. The headrest latch may be any convenient type of latching mechanism adapted to releaseably retain the headrest 16. Details of the latching mechanism are left to the artisan. The headrest 16 may optionally be biased to pivot to the stowed position when the third lever 24 is actuated. In another embodiment of the present invention, the headrest 16 may ~~be linked~~ include a linkage 19 (see Fig. 7) to the seatback 14 in any conventional manner such that the headrest is automatically pivoted to a stowed position when the seatback is pivoted to the stowed position. Likewise, the headrest 16 may be adapted to automatically pivot to the extended position when the seatback 14 is moved to the upright position. In still another embodiment of the present invention, the headrest 16 may be vertically adjustable to accommodate passengers of varying height, or may be removable. In yet another alternate embodiment of the present invention, the headrest 16 may be shaped and/or positioned so as to prevent a passenger from comfortably occupying the seat 10 when the headrest is not in an extended position. This ensures that the headrest 16 is in a position to provide the passenger with support and protection.

Please amend paragraph 0034 as follows:

[0034] In yet another embodiment of the present invention, at least one visual indicator ~~(not shown)~~ 54 may be made part of each of the first, second and third latching mechanisms as a safety enhancement. The indicators are preferably mechanical and provide visual indications to the user when each of the first, second and third latches are not in a retained condition. In an example embodiment, portions of the seat cushion 12, seatback 14 and headrest 16 may be exposed only when unlatched. The exposed portions may include advisory or warning legends and/or attention-getting colors.